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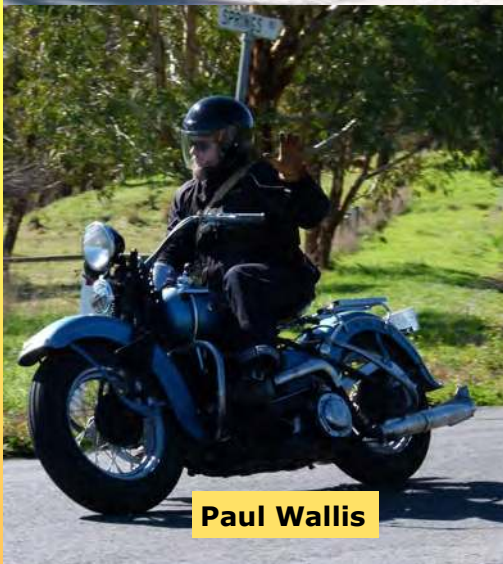
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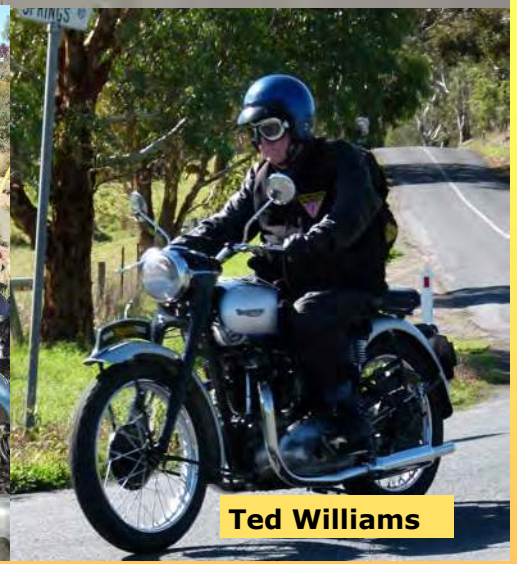
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The Club was formed in 1956, the first of its kind in Australia, with the object of Preserving, Restoring and using Veteran, Vintage and Post Vintage Motorcycles.

Membership is open to all and owning a suitable machine is not a pre-requisite.

Machines manufactured prior to **January 1<sup>st</sup> 1966** are eligible for Club Events.

The Club has a strong family orientation and features many social activities as well as Runs and technical help.

The Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the **Payneham R&SL Club, 360 Payneham Road, Payneham** commencing at 8.00 p.m.

**Annual Fees** are due by the 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.

**A joining fee of \$15.00** is applicable to new members.

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## Presidents report.

**60th Anniversary Rally Expression of Interest applications** are located on the Club's web page. The document contains all the necessary information on where and when the rally will be held, including accommodation in Clare and its surrounds. Expression of interest application is available on club web site as follows—<http://vvmccsa.org.au/60th-anniversary-rally/>

Regards, David Cant, Chairperson. Email for contact [vvmcc60th@gmail.com](mailto:vvmcc60th@gmail.com)

**Annual General Meeting—Tuesday 14th July**, if you would like to volunteer to be on the committee for 2015-2016, please contact Bill Lorimer with your nomination.

### **The Federation of Historic Motoring club report.**

Log books are a legal document and when the Membership year expires the log book is no longer valid and the vehicle is unregistered. **In addition all entries must be in ink—not pencil**, would you fill out a cheque in pencil—NO I think not. Yes they have seen entries in pencil in a log book.

**Vehicle inspection**, a reminder to all club that all vehicles on conditional historic registration must be inspected before 30th June 2015, this is the 3 year cut-off date for the Revised Code that came into effect on 1st July 2012. **A vehicle that has not been inspected** by this date will be deemed to be unregistered because one of the requirements for Conditional Registration has not been met. This should include all registered vehicles whether on the road or not. Contact the Bob Gill. Paul Knapp or Phil Jenner if you require assistance.

**Statutory declarations must be supplied every year**, regardless of whether the vehicle has been inspected or not, and **vehicle registration papers must be stamped each year not the receipt** before the Log Book is endorsed for the next club year. **Brian Forth. President.**

**Motorcycle inspection.** There are still some members who have historically registered vehicles with VVMCCSA, who have not as yet had the **3 year inspection** completed. It is urgent that you have that inspection ASAP. Time is running out to comply with the regulations.

### **Tuesday 9th June 2015 VVMCCSA trophy & Awards.**

- 1 First Time Out trophies
- 2 Lady Rider of the year
- 3 Veteran Rallyist of Year
- 4 Rallyist of the Year
- 5 Magazine Editor's Award
- 6 Veteran & Vintage Combined Age Trophy
- 7 Club Captain's Award
- 8 Bent Conrod Preputial award
- 9 Wally Woollatt Perpetual Trophy - meritorious service to the Club
- 10 Birdwood Figure 8 Trophy
- 11 2-Day rally awards.
- 12 Sidecar Trophy.

### **Eligibility for the Awards—**

The Club member must be financial. The member must be riding a Club eligible machine as defined by the Club's constitution. Bill Lorimer. Secretary VVMCCSA

### **Tuesday 14th July 2015 Annual General Meeting**

#### **AGENDA**

Presentation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the **9th July 2015.**

Presentation of The President's Annual Report.

Presentation of the Annual Financial Reports.

**Election of Officers.** The following positions become vacant and nominations for these positions will be considered by the meeting.

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Club Captain  
Committee members x 4  
Records Officer  
Magazine Editor  
Librarian  
Regalia Officer  
Approved Persons x 3.  
(Committee appointment)



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## VVMCCSA Committee Meeting 25th May 2015 at Goodwood Community Centre

**In Attendance** - Brian Forth, Bob Gill, Paul Knapp, Ian Hese, Daryl Rosser, Terry Rowe and Bill Lorimer  
Apologies—Anni Filsell, Les Jolly and Ray Collins.

**Minutes of the last meeting** were presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, no discussion. Acceptance moved Daryl Rosser, Seconded Bob Gill and Carried.

**Treasurers Report** presented by Terry Rowe, some discussion re the previously agreed donation to the CFS Foundation, Terry Rowe moved that the funds will be drawn from the term deposit (July 2015) and that the accrued interest be deposited in the cheque account. Seconded Ian Hese and Carried.

**New Members**. There was no pending or new applications.

**Correspondence In**. 7 Subscription renewals.

### **Emails In and Out**

- 1 From Gally's Meeting House, Farrell Flat re touring the Clare Valley.
- 2 Newsletter from NZ Veteran Car Club.
- 3 From City of Unley, survey of member locations.
- 4 Brian Forth to organise volunteer JP's for logbook days.
- 5 From and to Payneham RSL re Logbook day.
- 6 From Rhino Leather offering discounted Motorcycle clothing.
- 7 Newsletter from Triumph Riders MCC.
- 8 From and to Nat Brazzalto re BSA Y13 MC that he has and is seeking previous owner info.
- 9 Newsletter from South African Triumph Club.
- 10 From and to Nip Kuerschner re National Jampot Rally at Kelso, NSW on 6th, 7th ,8th Nov.

### **Publications Received**

The Vintage Motorcycle from the UK and Restore and Ride from Coffs Harbour MC Restorers Club, Acceptance Move Paul Knapp Seconded Terry Rowe Carried.

### **Club Captain -Runs Rides and Events**

Ian Hese reported on the last ride—the Eastern Hills Ride, it was a good ride, good roads, good weather, and everyone enjoyed the day.

21st June - North-eastern Hills Ride will be leaving Pelican Plaza to the big Rocking Horse at Gumeracha, information and map in the magazine (map on page 15).

19th July—a ride day to the '*National Military Museum*' at Edinburgh, \$8-00 entry, and a \$3-00 sausage sizzle, numbers required for the BBQ.

23rd August—Tiddlers ride at Oxenberry Winery at Maclaren Vale. Rally map and information to come.

20th September—this ride is still being discussed on where to ride that day—**suggestion please**

### **General Business**

1/ A discussion about members tardy payment of subscription, in that each year there are many who have not paid by 30th June which is a requirement under the Code of Practice for Historic Registration.

2/ Ian Hese moved a motion that each year in March or April a First and Final notice be mailed to every member, Seconded Terry Rowe and carried.

3/ Paul Knapp reported that all trophies are ready for the Trophy Night. Members are asked to bring basket supper to share.

4/ Bob Gill discussed various aspects of the Historic Registration paper work procedures and the 'in house' forms being used etc, agreed to remain the same.

5/ The committee discussed of the possibility of appointing another Approved Person (Club Registrar).

7/ The forthcoming AGM and the election procedures was discussed.  
Meeting Closed.



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# **VVMCCSA General Meeting 703 at Payneham RSL 12th May 2015**

Brian Forth opened the meeting opened 8.00 pm.

Visitors – **Kevin Noel from FPMC as guest speaker.** The meeting began with Kevin Noel speaking to the members about the Bay to Birdwood organization and its thoughts for the future, he also stressed the need for Clubs like ours to have an input of ideas to enhance future events. He will welcome any constructive ideas from members. Kevin then asked for questions and endeavoured to answer them all. He can be contacted on 0439 501 911 email [fpmcsa@baytobirdwood.com.au](mailto:fpmcsa@baytobirdwood.com.au). Brian Forth thanked him for attending and speaking to us about this very important event.

**Who are we** -May Smoke Signal is Phil Jenner.

**Minutes of last meeting** presented as printed in the Smoke Signal, No Discussion Acceptance moved Philip Holmes, Seconded Colin Behn Carried

**Treasurer's report** presented by Terry Rowe, No Discussion Acceptance moved Malcolm Gray, Seconded David Radloff Carried

**New Members.** Presentation of membership to Robert Lear, Andrew Young, Tony Bedford and Mick Madeley.

## **Correspondence In.**

- 1 Statements from Westpac Bank.
- 2 Invoice from MTA for printing of Smoke Signal.
- 3 Numerous Subs renewals.
- 4 Change of address for British Singles MCC Qld.

## **Emails In and Out.**

- 1 From Shannon's re. Sydney Auction 18th May
- 2 From and to All British Day committee re their request for more helpers to assist with the event . An information night will be held at the Sporting Car Club, King William Rd , Unley at 7-30 pm on Friday 17th July 2015
- 3 NZ AJS/Matchless newsletter
- 4 Flyer for Old Car Day Gathering at Bethany, 1st Sept 12-30 pm
- 5 Poster for Bunyip Muster, Sunday Oct 11th at Koolunga
- 6 NZ BSA Owners Club newsletter
- 7 VCCSA Bulletin
- 8 Email to members re vehicle inspections
- 9 From Birdwood National Motor Museum with update on events for 50th Birthday.

## **Publications Received.**

1 Kickback from British Singles MCC Qld; 2 The Radiator from Riverland V&CCC; 3 The Bulletin of the Veteran CCSA; 4 Vintage Chatter from VMCCWA; 5 Throttle Lever from Newcastle VMCC; 6 The Buzzer Box from Model T Ford club; 7 The Bulbhorn from Mildura VVC; 8 The Antique Motorcycle.

Acceptance Moved Pud Freeman, Seconded Marie Hurley Carried.

## **Club Captain Report - Runs Rides and Events.**

17th May Eastern Hills Ride Organizer Ian Hese, leaving Balhannah 10am.  
24th May logbook day Payneham RSL 10am to 12 noon.  
14th June logbook day CCC Glandore 10am to 12 noon.  
21st June Northeast Hills Ride ending at The Big Rocking Horse Gumeracha, map in magazine.  
19th July Military Museum at Edinburgh ride in.  
Acceptance moved Malcolm Gray, Seconded Jason Maloney.

## **General Business.**

Brian Kuerschner reported on the forthcoming Jampot National Rally to be held 6th, 7th and 8th November 2015 at Kelso in New South Wales.

Terry Rowe spoke about the need for members intending to attend the 60th Anniversary Rally to send in an Expression of Interest form, now available in either hard copy or from the Website, together with their \$25 to enable the committee to get an idea of numbers and to provide some funds for initial expenditures. Donna Maloney asked a question about accommodation costs and Terry said he will make the necessary enquiries. Buy sell and swap board read out—meeting closed 9.15pm.

**2015 Downder Jampot Rally Kelso NSW 6th,7th & 8th November at** Kelso NSW will be a great venue, located in the Blue Mountain Bathurst region the rides are going to be exceptional. The rally hub will be at the BIG4 Bathurst Holiday Park Kelso, adjacent to the holiday park is the Gold Panner Motor Inn, details attached. This venue will be fantastic for family members to enjoy and tour the area. Gillian and I will be extending our stay in Kelso to soak up the Blue Mountains ambiance. For tourist information the following websites will be useful: [www.visitbathurst.com.au](http://www.visitbathurst.com.au)

## **Buy, Sell and Swap**

**Please Note ads will run for two issues unless requested otherwise. If your item is sold before the second issue, please advise the Editor. Full name of Seller, Registration Number &/or Engine number MUST be provided, otherwise add cannot be printed. Deadline is the one week prior to each General Meeting.**

### **For Sale.**

**Ensign beaded edge tyres:** 24 x 2 1/4'; 26 x 2 1/2' 26 x 3 and 28 x 3; replica Chatter-Lea hubs, spokes and rims; Brian Forth 0409 514213;

**Bridgestone 165/70 X R13 tubeless radial**, brand new. OFFERS. Paul Knapp 82430130 (April15)

**19 inch wheel rim**, chromed, straight,. 36 holed; Richard Kretschmer 3537898 (May 15)

**1965 Honda Dream CA77e 305cc**, restored, club rego S/A SO3AHT, \$5,500; Greg Paterson 0404934246 (March15).

**Kawasaki ER5, 2000 model**, 500cc twin, \$2000; also Zongshen 250cc for sale; Pub Freeman 8255 2886 (April15)

**Dri-Rider boots** size 12 for sale, brand new, offers; David Hooper 0424043854 (April15)

**Royal Enfield Bullet 1969 350cc**, restored, new barrel, piston etc, Engine number B152233—\$4000 ono plus spares muffles cables etc; Bill Blake 83675926 (April15)

**Matchless G80, 1950**, older restoration, Engine Number 17165, \$6000 ono, Bill Blake 83675926 (April15)

**Ariel Arrow, 1963 250cc**, \$8000 new pistons, electrics ect & parts; Daryl Rosser 0419817745. (April15)

**Goulding sidecar chassis, early 1920s**, unrestored more than one chassis but enough parts to build one or perhaps two. No sidecar bodies though. Peter Allen Phone 8353 3438 (April15)

**BMW R65 panniers** and crash bars \$350; Alan Martin 8254 9550 (May15)

**Ariel Mk1 square four and sidecar**, fully restored in excellent running condition, long VVMCCSA history, sidecar is a repo Dusting on a Goulding chassis, fully trimmed etc. rare opportunity to acquire a classy rally bike etc, prefer to keep bike in SA; Leon Mitchell 08/8278 5120 [Mitchell@senet.com.au](mailto:Mitchell@senet.com.au) (May15)

**Zongshen 250cc single**, 2007, 12600kms, S/A S78AGA, registered \$1500; **Kawasaki ER5 500cc twin** 2000 year, 95,500km, registered S/A YZK697, \$2000 ono; Pub Freeman 08/82552886 (May15)

### **Wanted.**

**Pre WW1 photographs** of motorcycles and car wanted, can copy and return. Leon Mitchell 8278 5120;

**1932 BTH "TT magneto"** it carries a plate that says "TT Magneto", low centre height platform mount. Leon Mitchell 82785120. (Feb15)

**AJS 1950'S—wanted** with some urgency a 500cc early to mid 1950s AJS engine complete, with Magneto, Carby the lot please. Preferably in fair to reasonable condition. Contact Nip Kuerschner 0418854565 (Dec14);

**ES2 Norton** Parts Wanted for restoration. Engine, forks and rear wheel required. Many other parts needed. Call Tony Morisset: 0411 888 313 (May 15)

**WANTED Norton ES2 motor** to help young club member with first restoration project. Phone: Tony Morisset 0411 888313. Will buy in any condition. (May15)

**1920-1923 Harley Davidson flat twin** bracket that guides the brake pedal close to foot boards on right hand side, Colin Behn 92937031 (May 15)

**Douglas OHV pre 1931 or Sunbeam model 8 or 9 wanted**; Brett Mitchell 0438397788 (May 15)

**"Wanted Corbin speedo cable and rear wheel drive gear**. Wanted **Schebler HX** model screw thread mount carby - have flange mount HX to swap if required. Ph Rob Elliott 0415 697 162; (April15)

**Villiers motors D or E models** wanted including pre-war; Garry Harding 0448644999 (April15)

**Rudge motorcycles racing**—wanted photos in Aust GP or TT at Bathurst or Phillip Island 1932-1936, photos of George Hannaford; Don Bain; Alex Kerry; Les Sherrin, particularly Hannaford & Kerry who raced at Centenary TT at Victor Harbor I 1936; Leon Mitchell 08/8278 5120 [Mitchell@senet.com.au](mailto:Mitchell@senet.com.au)

**2 x Iteljet trials tank badges**, brand new; John KEAY 08/8278 6863 (May15)

### Club Runs & Events.

All members participating in **Club Runs MUST lodge a Rally Entry Form** with the Club Captain before the event. This ensures that you are covered for Third Party Property and Public Risk from home, on the Run and return to home. This is a Club requirement. Please be sure to fill out your **Historic Registration Logbook** before leaving home and make sure you **carry it every time you go riding**, this is a legal requirement. **Enquiries to Ian Hese Club Captain 0409083436 [ibhese@bigpond.com](mailto:ibhese@bigpond.com)**

**Back-up trailer is required every run—please volunteer your services for a run. Every ride has to be covered, please contact me & nominate a ride. Reimbursement of \$60 for petrol money.**

### 2015 events.

**\*\* denotes club point s event\*\***

#### June

- 9th** General meeting **704**—Payneham RSL clubrooms 8pm, **Trophy presentation night & supper**  
**14th** **Log Book Day**— CCC clubrooms 10am to 12 noon.  
**\*\*21st** North East hills ending at the Rocking Horse ay Gemeracha  
**29th** Committee meeting—Goodwood Community Club.

#### July

- 14th** General Meeting **705**—**Annual General Meeting**—election of committee members.  
**\*\*19th** National Military Museum at Edinburgh Park, their entry fee is \$10.  
**27th** Committee meeting—Goodwood Community Club.

#### August.

- 11th** General Meeting **706**, Payneham RSL clubrooms  
**\*\*23rd** Oxenberry Winery McLaren Vale—Tiddler's ride, organizer Tony Morisset and crew  
**24th** Committee meeting—Goodwood Community Club

#### September

- 8th** General Meeting **707**, Payneham RSL clubrooms  
**\*\*20th** General ride—possible Strathalbyn—under discussions—suggestions please  
**28th** Committee meeting—Goodwood community hall.

#### October

- 4th** VVMCCSA—Motorcycle only swap meet, Balhannah Oval—volunteers required  
**13th** General meeting **708**, Payneham RSL Club rooms  
**\*\*18th** Club ride day—unknown destination  
**26th** Committee Meeting—Goodwood Community hall.

**2014- Invitational Events** –too numerous to mention, see Committee and General meeting minutes for information. (**Not club runs, but members are welcome to join them**)

**60th Anniversary rally** September 17 to Friday 22, 2016 will be held at Clare using the Clare Caravan Park as the rally centre. David Cant, Chairperson.

**Classic Owners Mid Week runs**— members are invited to join the **Classic Owners** on their run on the first Wednesday & third Tuesday of each Month, **Hawthorn Cres at Hazelwood Park at 10:00am.**

**The Ariel group** invite those interested in the marque to join us on the 1st Sunday of the month rides—starting 10am Balhannah Oval, contact Dave 82635562 or John 82623965

**SWAP MEETS** - Any new dates or swap meets please advise editor, check this site - <http://www.bevenyoung.com.au/car.htm>

HAHNDORF-	18th January 2015	Victor Harbor	1st February 2015
Lockleys school	2nd February 2015	BALLARAT –	19-20-21 February 2015
CAMPBELLTOWN –	8th Mach 2015	CLARE–	15th March 2015
WOODSIDE –	29th March 2015;	NARACOORTE	2-3rd May 2015;
SEDAN –	14th June 2015.	KAPUNDA-	24th May 2015;
ANGLE PARK/Dry Creek	26th July 2015;	WILLUNGA –	16th August 2015;
GAWLER -	20th September 2015;	VVMCC MOTORCYCLE ONLY	4th Oct 2015.
STRATHALBYN –	18th Oct 2015;	BENDIGO –	14-15th Nov 2015;
GAWLER Motorcycle expo	23rd Nov 2015	<b>** plus many more check the web site**</b>	

### Historic Registration.

Please ensure you complete your new logbooks before leaving home and that you carry it with you when riding the motorcycle the book is allocated to.

**Enquiries to Bob Gill 82584982 - Paul Knapp 82430130 - Phil Jenner 83706664**

# What is a Skootamota

In the rush and excitement of finding such an untouched vintage bike and bringing it home, I discovered that finding tyres has become a real problem. Brian, I am wondering if you can help me find tyres for my Skootamota please.

In any case the researched done so far proved that other Skootamota owners have been experiencing problems finding beaded edge tyres for the past 10 years and they all chose to either change the rims or fit wired tires 14x2x 1 3/4. There are quite a few of these scooters in Europe and the answer is consistently the same from all the owners. I don't yet know if there were different tyre sizes fitted in different years but I hope the catalogues will clarify that. For the moment it's best to stop any search and I will let you know once I have confirmed the correct tyre size.

The Skootamota was probably the best scooter produced during the first scooter revolution (first years after WW1) as it was designed by Granville Bradshaw using all his cleverness. It wasn't the first scooter ever made: the 1904 French Autofauteuil and the American 1915? Motoped/Autoped came first but the Skootamota was a very innovative product for its time. The small wheels and low centre of gravity made it extremely maneuverable and, although today it's a given, the saddle was an innovation no other scooter of the time had. This made it more comfortable and ideal for moving around cities. It is said that it was designed for women but it was soon welcomed by any gender and several thousands were produced in just a year or two.

Was designed in 1918/19 by Bradshaw (ABC motors Ltd) and produced by Selsdon Aero and Engineering Co on behalf of **Gilbert Campling Ltd** who was the sole rights owner and seller. Like it happened with the bigger sister, the 398cc ABC motorcycle produced by Sopwith, production faced many delays due to strikes ongoing in England and, although advertisement started quite early in 1919, the first examples were not sold until much later, probably February 1920. The economic situation did not help ABC motors Ltd which was dissolved around August/September (exact dates still TBD) and recreated under new management as ABC motors (1920) Ltd. Production continued until August 1921 but sales probably continued for another couple of years.

The engine is quite unique being a single cylinder 125cc with a EOI design instead of the more conventional side valve. This was originally designed by Bradshaw before the war and it's still visible in some surviving generator engines dated 1915. The idea was that the exhaust valve being further away from the cylinder would allow for better cooling while the inlet valve closer to the cylinder would allow for a shorter way in for fuel (I'm searching for more details in regards to the reasons behind this setup).

It is said that the max speed for this engine was claimed to be just 15mph but there are reports of owners these days travelling even at 35mph. Others report some major flaws with the fuel tank mounted right on top of the engine. It is said that over 20mph, fuel could start to boil in the tank and the magneto packs up due to the increased heat. I'm not looking forward to test these conditions so I hope i'll never be able to confirm these flaws myself.

Although the engine was claimed to be under powered, there are also reports that it would never fail to climb any hill. Slowly but surely it always makes it to the top!

At the moment I don't know much more about the Skootamota but my researches continue and you can find a period article about the first announcements of this scooter on [www.abcroadmotors.co.uk](http://www.abcroadmotors.co.uk). The one I have is assumed to have been built around May 1920 and registered at the end of August 1920. I have asked the Kithead trust for information regarding the number plate BP4800 and am awaiting a response. All I know is that it probably spent the past 30/40 years in the Joyce Cobbin collection (ex VMCC tyre scheme programme responsible) and nobody restored it during that time. She passed away earlier this year and her entire collection went on sale at auction last month which is where i purchased it.

I will keep you posted as I find more details about my bike.

**Giovanni Orlando** [gioorl@gmail.com](mailto:gioorl@gmail.com)

*(Ed—we are still searching the world looking for any 'spare' 18 x 2 1/2 beaded edge tyres—nothing yet.)*



Above—as found with the motor separate.  
Below is what they look like





## **Celebrate Australia Day on two wheels**

Should we celebrate Australia Day with motorcycle stunts like these performed by the Indian Border Security Force motorcycle team? The Indian motorbike team will perform these stunts on Royal Enfields in a parade in front of US President Barack Obama today which is Indian Republic Day. Obama is the first US President to attend the event.



Wouldn't it be great to see Australia celebrate its motorcycling history with a similar two-wheeled display? Unfortunately, the safety super nannies would probably be up in arms over such "hoon" behaviour. Australia has a rich motorcycling history that deserves to be celebrated on our national day.

With its vast distances and rugged terrain, motorcycles were popular at the start of the last century and we even had a thriving motorcycle manufacturing industry, particularly during World War I when supplies of British motorcycles dried up.

While we have not had a motorcycle manufacturing industry for some time, Australia once built many motorcycles such as Lewis, Pasco, Blue Bird, Bullock, De Luxe, Peerless, Invincible JAP, Whiting, Mostyn, Rudge, FN and Norton.



Robert Saward wrote A-Z of Australian-made Motorcycles which details 396 brands of motorcycles, most of which were assembled here from imported engines and frames.

In 1928, the Auto Cycle Council of Australia was formed to represent the interests of motorcycle clubs and state associations at a national level. It is now called Motorcycling Australia which represents motorcycle racing.

Australians were among the first in the world to start racing motorcycles. Many believe the first speedway meetings were held in Australia and our speedway riders travelled to the UK to pioneer the sport.

Over the years, Australia has had many motorcycle champions. MA notes our first world champion as speedway rider Lionel Van Praag in 1936.

Reference—<http://motorbikewriter.com/celebrate-australia-day-two-wheels/>



Bob and Stan Medwell on J.A.P motorcycles.



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## Who are we?

Last month—Phil Jenner





## Report on the 2015 British Classic Tour at Victor Harbor 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

While surfing the Net in March 2014 I came across a site of potential interest advertising the '**British Classic Tour**' organized by the Historic Motor Vehicles Club at Victor Harbor. Through the 'Contact Us' button I was able to be in touch with the organization Chairman, Graham Withers. There being no mention on the webpage of entries being offered to motorcycles, the question had to be asked. The favourable reply received without question was 'absolutely'. Having then entered both my AJS

machines plus a loaned 1912 TT Triumph to my surprise only two other owners had bothered to enter. This time round 2015 on 3<sup>rd</sup> May last I again entered both my AJ's which were once again the only machines entered, disappointing to say the least. However the day was lovely having enjoyed the company of my companion, David Conway and the bright sunny conditions with the occasional cooler breeze and with my usual folding table laden with interesting exhibits attracting much attention to generate welcome conversation and discussion of all manner motorcycling.

The mobile 500cc single cylinder AJS cutaway engine rotating at a constant 12rpm is always of particular interest and enjoyed by the youngsters perched on Dads hip describing the functionality of each moving part.

In spite of all this I'd like to think more interest could be generated to encourage additional motorcycle owners to come along. A tour of the local surrounding area covering some 80km approximate usually leaves the square outside the Victor Hotel at 11.00am returning to be lined up for class judging. Handsome silver awards are then presented at approximately 2.30pm whereupon the day begins to break up. Some remain a short while to finish off the last of the opened wine beverages before motoring home. Love to see you next year.

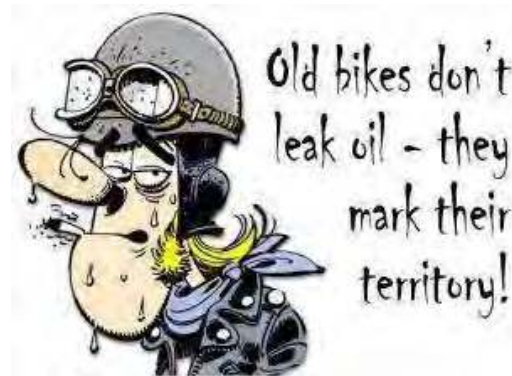
**Nipper.** \*\*\*\* Editor—I attended but did not enter my BSA wm20.

### **A few words of wisdom;**

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

- Home is where your bike sits still long enough to leave a few drops of oil on the ground.
- Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.
- Never mistake horsepower for staying power.
- If you don't ride in the rain - you don't ride.
- A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
- Young riders pick a destination and go. . . Old riders pick a direction and go.
- Well-trained reflexes are quicker than luck.
- Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit
- Maintenance is as much art as it is science.
- If you ride like there's no tomorrow - there won't be.
- Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck
- There are drunk riders. Then there are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.

No matter what marquee you ride, it's all the same wind. **From New Zealand—AJS and Matchless magazine**



### **Log book days**

#### **Sunday 14th June - CCC Clubrooms Glandore 10am to 12 noon**

You will be required to bring the following items-

- 1/ Current registration papers for your motorcycle/vehicle.
  - 2/ Log book's for the appropriate vehicles.
  - 3/ Your 2015-2016 VVMCCSA membership card.
  - 4/ Statutory declaration signed by a Justice of the Peace.
  - 5/ Inspection sheets from previous inspections to be produced.
- Subscriptions can be paid on the day.

If your motorcycle needs inspecting, please contact one of the approved persons for that inspection.

**NO inspections will be carried out** on the log book days, due to heavy work load.

**Bob Gill.**

**Phil Jenner.**

**Paul Knapp.**

**Approved persons for VVMCCSA**

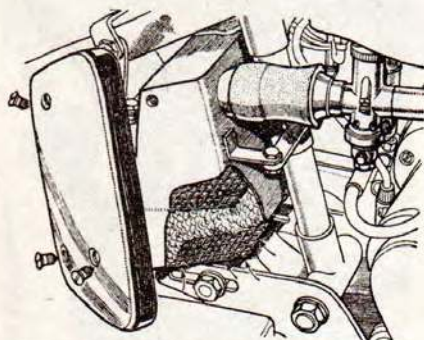


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**Model G "350 Bullet."**—346 c.c. single-cyl. o.h.v. Enfield; dry-sump lubrication; magneto ignition; all-chain drive; oil-bath primary chain case; gears, 5.5, 7.2, 9.9, 15.3, with foot control; fuel, 2½ gals.; 3.00—19 front and 3.25—19 rear tyres. Price with lighting, speedometer, horn and licence-holder (solo), £62 10s.

**A**n entirely new engine is fitted to the 350 c.c. "Bullet," for although the crankcase assembly is on familiar Royal Enfield lines, the cylinder and head represent a complete departure from previous models. The barrel is an alloy



Large box-type air filters are fitted to certain models

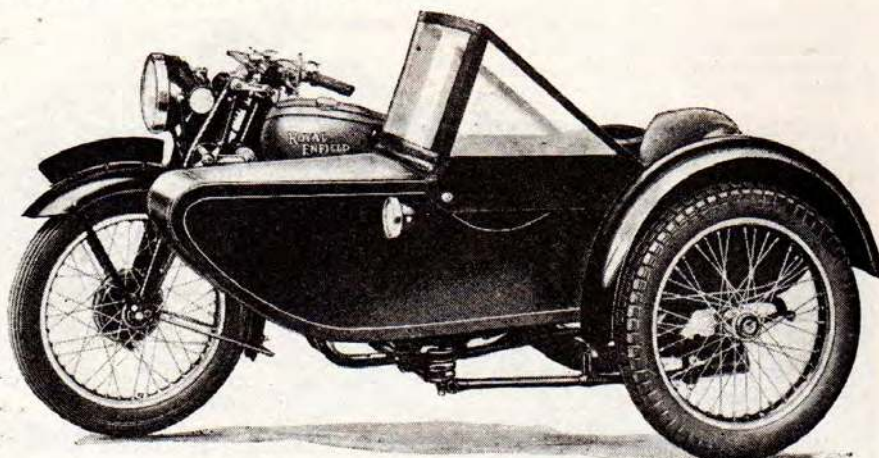
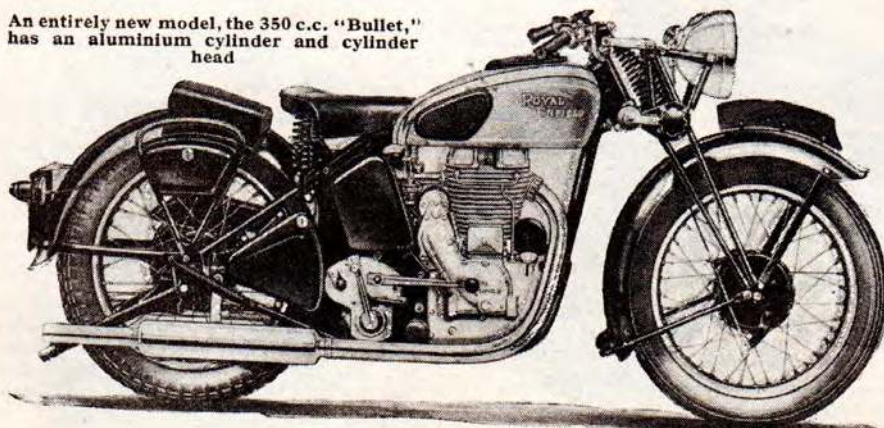
casting with a Vacrit liner, while the alloy head has inserted cast-iron valve seatings.

The tappets have large, flat bases and are inclined so that the push-rods, which work in passages cast through the cylinder finning, operate in a straight line. The rocker gear and valve springs are completely enclosed with a separate cover for each valve.

Several improvements have been made to the cycle parts, notably to the layout of the brake gear, the spring forks and the knock-out rear-wheel spindle, which permits an inner tube to be changed without removing the wheel from the frame. The tyre equipment is specially suited to the sporting rider, for not only is the front cover of smaller section than the rear one, but it has a ribbed tread.

Variations of this model are a 500 c.c.

An entirely new model, the 350 c.c. "Bullet," has an aluminium cylinder and cylinder head



A unique feature of the Royal Enfield range for 1939 is this 570 c.c. side-valve sidecar outfit. The machine is sold only as a completely equipped outfit

"Bullet," and 350 c.c. and 500 c.c. "competition" models.

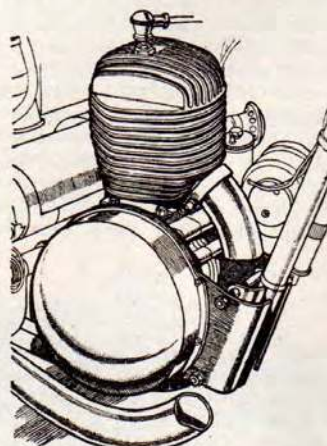
**Model H Sidecar Outfit.**—570 c.c. single-cyl. side-valve Enfield; dry-sump lubrication; coil ignition; all-chain drive; oil-bath primary chain case; gears, 5.8, 7.6, 10.4, 16.1, with foot control; fuel, 2½ gals.; 3.25—19 tyres. Price with lighting, speedometer, horn and licence-holder and sidecar, £62 10s.

The 570 c.c. Model H is a very reasonably priced sidecar outfit; it is sold only as

a complete outfit, and it includes a handsome coachbuilt sidecar with metal paneling on an ash framework. The sidecar has front and side screens, the interior is well upholstered, and there is excellent luggage accommodation. The machine has Miller coil ignition, pressed-steel front forks, and a non-plated tank.

**Model A.**—225 c.c. single-cyl. two-stroke Enfield; petrol lubrication; coil ignition; all-chain drive; enclosed primary chain case; gears, 5.3, 7.8, 15.6, with hand control; fuel, 2½ gals.; 3.00—19 tyres. Price with lighting, speedometer, horn and licence-holder (solo), £31 15s.

Many improvements have been effected in this low-priced two-stroke utility model. It has a tubular frame with pressed-steel forks. The outside flywheel is enclosed, as is the dynamo, while the cylinder casting has more fins and the engine is set vertically. A new silencing system has been adopted.



A neat domed cover is fitted over the outside flywheel of the inexpensive 225 c.c. two-stroke

In addition to the models already mentioned, the range includes an o.h.v. one-fifty and overhead- and side-valve models from 250 c.c. to 1,140 c.c. in standard and de luxe forms. The last mentioned is, of course, the famous side-valve big-twin.

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#### Ian's Eastern Tour 17-05-2015.

Bob Gill 1913 Veteran BSA  
Bob Mather 1932 Scott  
Rien Geritsen 1942 741B Indian  
Brian Forth 1947 AJS  
Paul Wallis 1947 Harley Davidson  
Bob Lear 1947 Ariel  
Alf Lear 1948 Ariel outfit  
Ted Williams 1949 Triumph  
Andre Jarrad 1950 Vincent  
Paul Knapp 1951 Norton  
Michael Madeley 1951 Norton F.T. Out  
Ed Sanders 1951 Norton  
Colin Behn 1953 AJS  
John Byles 1954 Ariel  
Graeme Bartlett 1955 Triumph  
John Williams 1955 Triumph  
Richard Kretschmer 1956 Norton outfit  
Richard Buckland 1958 Triumph  
Denis Smyth 1958 Triumph  
Andrew Dansie 1964 Velocette

Martin Blindell 1967 Triumph ; Peter Arriola 1974 Honda  
Malcolm Gray 1974 Macio Dnepr; Don Cellier 1974 BMW  
Alan Martin 1985 BMW; Adrian How 1991 Yamaha  
Geoff Anderson 1992 BMW; Don Tonkin 1996 Suzuki  
Ian Hese 2003 BMW; Pud Freeman 2003 Kawasaki  
Les Wilson 2012 Moto Guzzi and Wayne Lawson Back up trailer.

#### Bob Tilbrook—Sponsors for mid-year raffle.

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Above—is a petrol ration ticket issued Mrs B. Vasey (under National Security 1939-1940) for petrol to drive her motor vehicle during WW2.



## **Eastern Hills Run 17-5-2015.**

The week before this run was mostly wet and cold but Saturday Afternoon the clouds went away, so it looked like it was going to be a fine day on Sunday.

Sunday Morning was the coldest day in May, for a number of years, but cloud free, and as it was going to be colder up in the hills, waterproof pants were added to try and keep the wind out on the ride up.

At Balhannah Oval just before 10.00 am, Ian Hese called for Marshalls, which I volunteered to help even though I am only on a 1953 350 AJS. Ian asking if there were any first time riders, and then briefed all the riders on the route and stopping points. Many people had commented that they had found some very cold spots while riding up to Balhannah but it appeared to be warming up now.

Ian lead the Marshalls from Balhannah to a left at Oakbank and onto Lenswood where I was the corner Marshall for the right turn to Lobethal. While I waited for the Riders, a group of Ford Mustangs arrived from Basket Range and parked on the side of the road through the Tee Junction, which did tend to make things interesting when our riders arrived to turn right, but I did get a few photos and all got around safely.

It was great to hear the bikes accelerate up the hill, as well as the Mustangs when they moved off. When the Backup Trailer arrived, we saddled up again and went through Lobethal, where the Mustangs had stopped, we carried on and then turned back to Charleston, where Ian had stopped for a regroup, and get the Marshalls back to the front.

At Woodside, we turned left and passed Inverbrackie and the Woodside Army Camp and right to Brukunga and Nairne for Smoko. When all had been feed, drank their coffee, toilet break and rested, Ian lead us over the Motorway to Mt Barker Springs and towards Mt Barker where I tried to get some more photos.

When the Backup Trailer arrived, with the OHC Norton on board that had decided it did not want to go any further at Nairne, we continued around the Mt Barker Oval, that had the Lennon's Circus present, and onto Flaxley and the up to Echunga for regroup. Richard was saying he could not workout why his Norton was going so well, simple, "cold morning, fine day with all green grass everywhere, so the bike thought it was back home in the UK".

Daryl's Rosser Triumph appears to have succumbed to Triumph vibration which required a little tightening inside the head-light. At Echunga I was talking to some of the riders when Ian left with the other Marshalls, so I had to get moving, on beautiful sweeping roads towards Mylor and then back towards Hahndorf and around the roundabout to Verdun and Balhannah, with another photo opportunity at the roundabout. Some of the thermal wear was removed by the time we left Echunga, due to the wonderfully weather the day had turned into, with the wonderful roads Ian had taken us down and around, which I feel was enjoyed by all of about 32 bikes.



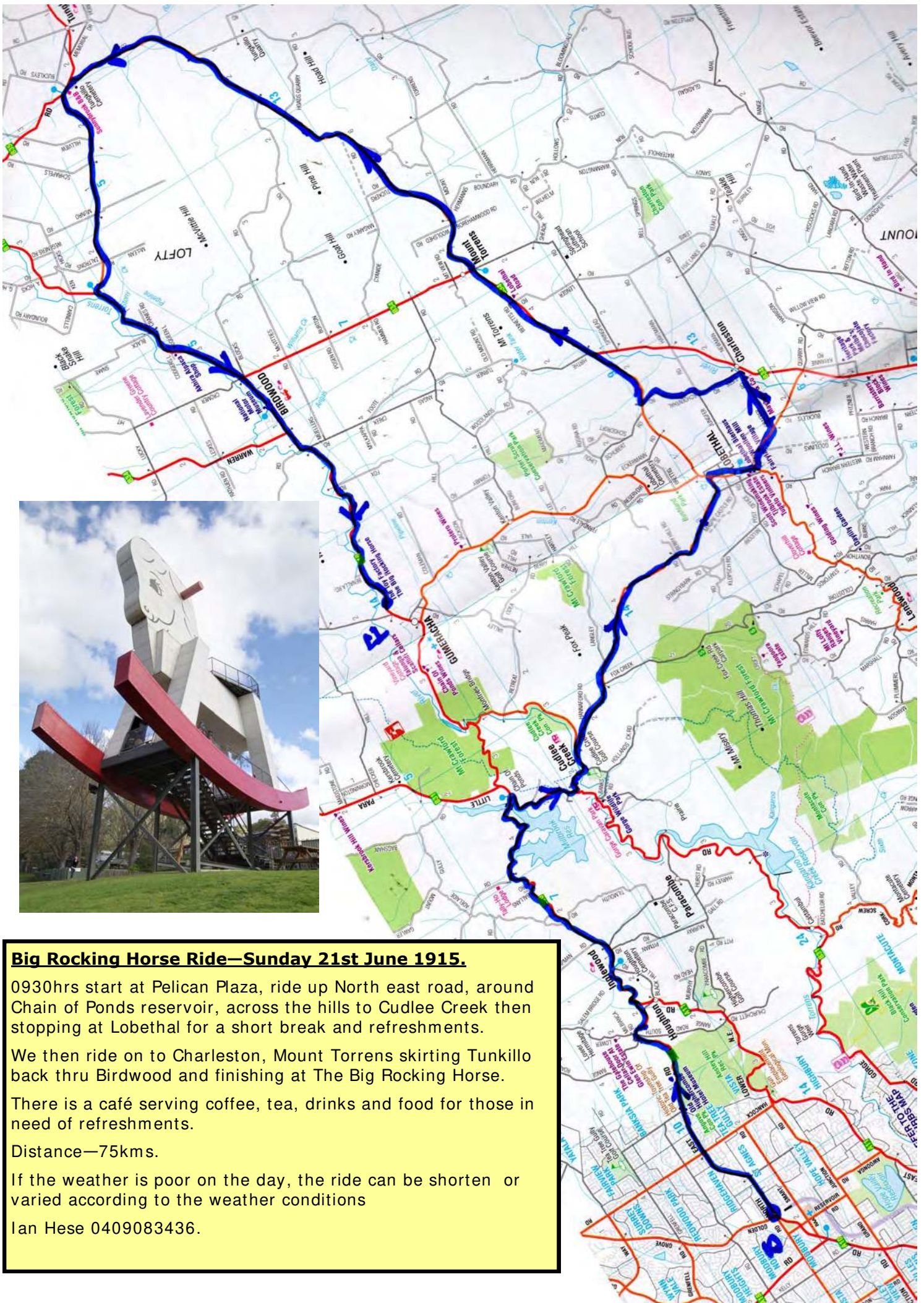
**Daryl Rosser fixing a loose speedo drive watched by many.**

Thank you Ian for organising this run which included straight road sections, sweeping roads with some hills through various types of country side, that some of us had never travelled through before. We had a variety of bikes of all ages from Bob's 1913 BSA to right through the ages of Norton's, AJSs, Velocette's, Vincent and Ariels to later Moto Guzzie and BMWs to name a few and all of us that are diabetic, thank you for not stopping at Melba's Chocolate factory. We also had 3 generations from one family present with Ted Williams on his Triumph and his Son John and Grand-Son Bradley on a second Triumph.

**Colin Behn**  
**(BMW) senior**  
**roving reporter**







### **Big Rocking Horse Ride—Sunday 21st June 1915.**

0930hrs start at Pelican Plaza, ride up North east road, around Chain of Ponds reservoir, across the hills to Cudlee Creek then stopping at Lobethal for a short break and refreshments.

We then ride on to Charleston, Mount Torrens skirting Tunkillo back thru Birdwood and finishing at The Big Rocking Horse.

There is a café serving coffee, tea, drinks and food for those in need of refreshments.

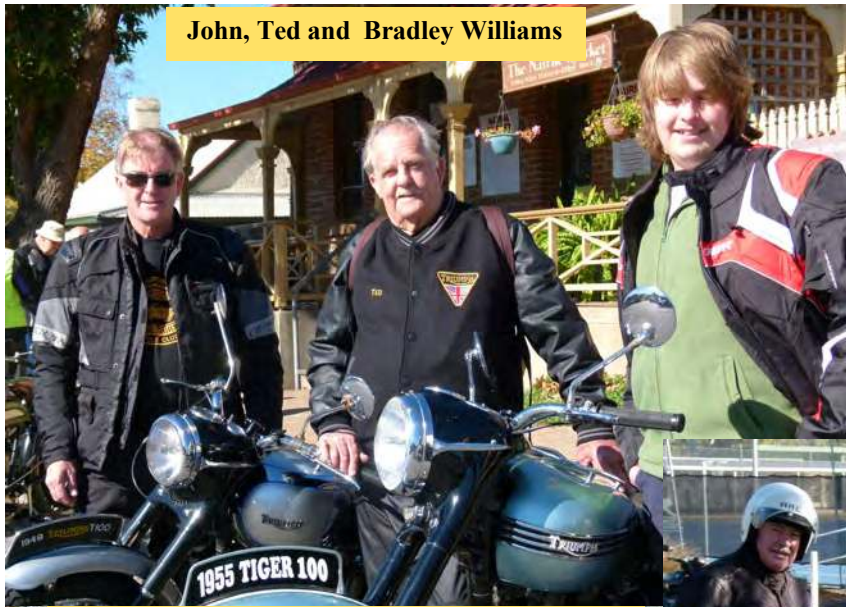
Distance—75kms.

If the weather is poor on the day, the ride can be shorten or varied according to the weather conditions

Ian Hese 0409083436.



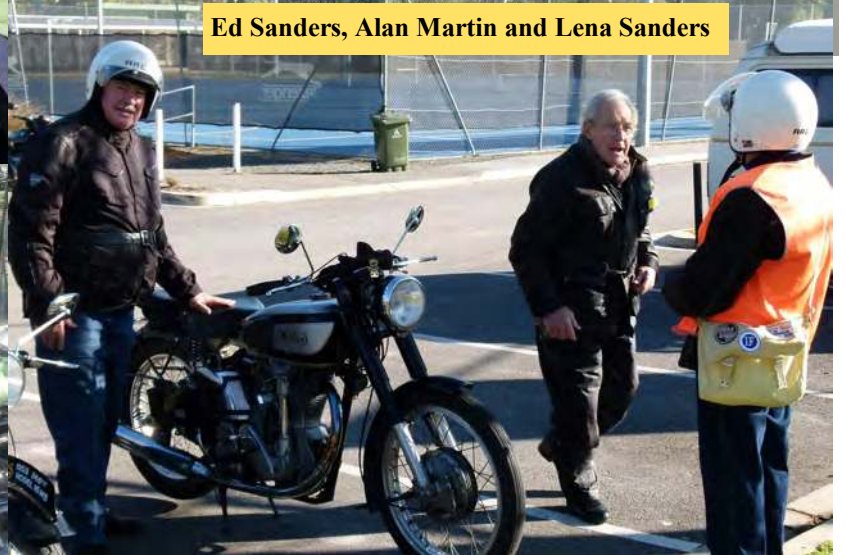
**John, Ted and Bradley Williams**



**Malcolm Gray**



**Ed Sanders, Alan Martin and Lena Sanders**



**Paul Knapp and Graham Bartlett—discussing entry forms**



**Rob Mather leading the pack at the corner where the Mustangs blocked the “T” junction.**



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